

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Status of Claims:

No claims are currently being cancelled.

Claims 1, 7 and 13 are currently being amended.

Claims 19-27 are currently being added.

This amendment and reply adds and amends claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claims remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After adding and amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1, 7, 13 and 19-27 are now pending in this application.

Claim Rejections – Prior Art:

In the Office Action, claims 1, 7 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,332,170 to Ban in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,549,300 to Motamed. This rejection is traversed with respect to the presently pending claims under rejection, for at least the reasons given below.

In claims 1, 7 and 13, the limitation “in the case where printing is suspended in accordance with a user’s instruction or occurrence of a jam during implementation of the print jobs including the print jobs for tabbed paper” has been changed to “in the case where printing is suspended due to occurrence of a jam”; that is, “a user’s instruction” has been deleted.

According to presently pending independent claims 1, 7 and 13, certain features of the present invention reside in “(iv) causing, in the case where printing is suspended due to occurrence of a jam during implementation of the print jobs including the print jobs for tabbed paper, the print jobs including the print jobs for tabbed paper to be re-implemented, or printing to be continued from the suspended printing, and (v) enabling the user to execute test printing for the tabbed paper, check an actual print output on the tabbed paper, and adjust

print positions relative to the tab, in the case where the user designates "NO" for deletion of the print jobs for tabbed paper by operating the inputting modules, after the print jobs for tabbed paper are implemented, or the print jobs including the print jobs for tabbed paper are re-implemented, or the printing is continued from the suspended printing”.

By virtue of the feature recited in presently pending claims 1, 7 and 13, in addition to the advantages stated in the previously-filed response, the following advantages can be obtained: after occurrence of a jam, designations for printing and deletion can be carried out, thus further improving the convenience (see the specification, page 37, lines 5 to 9).

Neither Ban nor Motamed teaches or suggests the above-mentioned features in presently pending independent claims 1, 7 and 13.

Unlike the present invention according to claims 1, 7 and 13, the technique of Ban is applied to the case where printing is suspended in accordance with a user's instruction, and not to the case where printing is suspended due to occurrence of a jam. That is, Ban does not disclose or suggest a case where printing is suspended due to occurrence of a jam.

Therefore, there would be clearly no motivation to derive the subject matter of presently pending claims 1, 7 and 13 from Ban and Motamed, no matter how they are combined. Accordingly, it is not possible for a person having ordinary skill in the art to derive the subject matter of the presently pending claims 1, 7 and 13 from the combination of the cited references.

Accordingly, presently pending claims 1, 7 and 13 are allowable over Ban and Motamed.

New Claims:

New claims 19-27 have been added to recite additional features of the present invention that are believed to provide a separate basis of patentability for those claims, beyond the reasons given above for presently pending independent claims 1, 7 and 13. Support for new claim 19 may be found, for example, on page 15, lines 9-13 of the specification. Support for new claim 20 may be found, for example, on page 17, lines 4-9 of the specification. Support for new claim 21 may be found, for example, on page 21, lines 20-27 of the specification. Support for new claim 22 may be found, for example, on page 15, lines 9-13 of the specification. Support for new claim 23 may be found, for example, on page

17, lines 4-9 of the specification. Support for new claim 24 may be found, for example, on page 21, lines 20-27 of the specification. Support for new claim 25 may be found, for example, on page 15, lines 9-13 of the specification. Support for new claim 26 may be found, for example, on page 17, lines 4-9 of the specification. Lastly, support for new claim 27 may be found, for example, on page 21, lines 20-27 of the specification.

Conclusion:

Since all of the issues raised in the Office Action have been addressed in this Amendment and Reply, Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and an early indication of allowance is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorize payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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